

REMARKS


This response is being filed within one month of the Restriction Requirement dated May 18, 2004.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement on the grounds that Applicant believes the application can be examined in a single search. Nevertheless, Applicant has hereby elected claims 16-19 and 27-39. No claims have been added or amended. Claims 16-39 remain in the application.

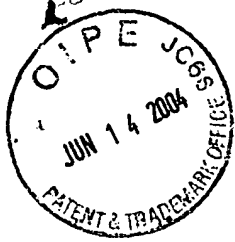
Applicants believe the application is in condition for examination and respectfully request the same.

If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this response, a call to Applicant's counsel, Ms. Ingrid M. McTaggart at (503) 230-7934, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any other questions regarding the above referenced application, a call to Applicant's counsel Mr. Robert D. Wasson at (360) 212-2338, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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